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SUBJECT: VISIT TO JAPAN BY NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC
SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR CLAYBROOK

REF: A) TOKYO 8331; B) TOKYO 7962; C) TOKYO 6828

1. MS. CLAYBROOK WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY NHTSA STAFF:
DR. CARL NASH, SPECIAL ASSISTANT; DR. KENNERLY H. DIGGES,
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PASSENGER VEHICLE RESEARCH; AND
MR. RALPH HITCHCOCK, OFFICE OF VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS.
SINGLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN TOKYO ARE REQUESTED FOR
CLAYBROOK AND HITCHCOCK. DOUBLE FOR DIGGES AND NASH.

2. REQUEST PROPOSED PROGRAM IN REF. MESSAGE BE REVISED
AS FOLLOWS:

SATURDAY MAY 20 ARRIVE TOKYO - VIA PAN AM FLT 801 AT 1330
HANEDA AIRPORT

SUNDAY MAY 21 - FREE TOKYO

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MONDAY MAY 22 - YOUR SCHEDULE O.K. TRANSPORTATION ARRANGE-
MENTS TO AND FROM NISSAN OPPAMA PLANT ARRANGED BY NISSAN.

TUESDAY MAY 23 - YOUR SCHEDULE O.K. TRANSPORTATION AND
HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS NAGOYA FOR TWO NIGHTS ARRANGED BY JAMA.

WEDNESDAY MAY 24 - VISIT HONDA. REMAIN OVER NIGHT IN

NAGOYA

THURSDAY MAY 25 - VISIT TOYOTA. RETURN TO TOKYO ABOUT 5 P.M. TRAVEL ARRANGED BY JAMA.

FRIDAY MAY 26 - FREE IN TOKYO TO MEET WITH PRESS AND CONSUMER LEADERS AS DESIRED. DIRECT CONTACT BEING INITIATED FROM HERE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT FSO MARILYN MEYERS, AMEMBASSY TOKYO FOR APPOINTMENT. DR. DIGGES AND MR. HITCHCOCK WILL VISIT TAKATA KOYJO AND ASAH KASE KOJYO DURING THE AFTERNOON.

SATURDAY MAY 27 - DEPART TOKYO FOR 1 DAY TOURING

SUNDAY MAY 28 - DEPART OSAKA (TENTATIVELY)

3. PRIMARY SCHEDULE CHANGE IS SWITCH BETWEEN HONDA AND TOYOTA.

4. DR. DIGGES WILL MEET WITH JARI OFFICIALS ON THE MORNING OF TUESDAY MAY 23 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON RSV TESTING. WILL REJOIN THE PARTY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR NAGOYA.

5. OTHER MEETINGS PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF YOUR WIRE ARE NOT DESIRED. MS. CLAYBROOK DESIRES TO EXHIBIT AND DEMONSTRATE DOT/NHTSA FUNDED RESEARCH SAFETY VEHICLE UNCLASSIFIED

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(RSV) DEVELOPED BY MINICARS, CORP OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA.

6. PLAN TO SHIP MINICARS RSV VIA FLYING TIGERS FLT 43 TO TOKYO ARRIVING 0805 HRS. WEDNESDAY MAY 17 HANEDA AIRPORT. RSV TO ACCOMPANY PARTY ON VISITS TO THE MAJOR AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS, I.E., NISSAN, HONDA, AND TOYOTA.

7. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE NECESSARY CUSTOM AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR RSV WHILE IN JAPAN. RSV MUST BE TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK. EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS OF 2,400 POUND RSV ARE: LENGTH: 170 INCHES, HEIGHT: 55 INCHES, AND WIDTH: 70 INCHES. CAR IS DRIVEABLE. WILL NEED DRIVER AND ASSISTANT AND RAMPS FOR ON LOAD AND OFF LOAD. THE CAR IS U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND WILL ARRIVE WITH GOVERNMENT LICENSE PLATES. CAR WILL BE RETURNED TO U.S. AFTER COMPLETION OF VISIT.

8. MS. CLAYBROOK DESIRES SMALL PRESS CONFERENCE BE ARRANGED UPON HER ARRIVAL AT HANEDA AIRPORT WITH THE RSV CAR ON DISPLAY. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED. FUND CITATION FOR ALL THESE AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IS 6980650. REPEAT 6980650.

9. TECHNICAL INFORMATION, ETC., ON MINICARS RSV BEING
SENT BY POUCH - 100 COPIES.

10. OUR APOLOGIES FOR NOT ADVISING YOU SOONER, BUT
GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE.

11. U.S. CONTACT IS DR. CARL NASH 202-426-1590 OR
JOHN BURKE 202-426-1137. VANCE

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